(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVLA-ION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM ABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Inquiry into he incident revealed that inspite of the est possible medical assistance provided the life of the said woman passenger unfortunately, could not be saved. She has reporteed to be a heart patient and ad undergone by-pass surgery.

Proposal to upgrade Surat Airport

7710. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA; SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to pgrade the Surat airstrip into an airport apable of handling domestic flights:

(b) if so, what are the details of the reject indicating also its cost and time rame for implementation; and

(c) at what stage the matter stands present?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-ION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM MBI AZAD): (a) to (c) The airport Surat belongs to State Government of Gujarat and is capable of handling Dor-ier/AVRO type of aircraft. Airports Authority of India has no plan to up-rade this airport.

Irappropriate accounting by Air India

7711. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Min ster of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOU RISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Air India's 1992-93 accounts did lot properly reflect the economic situa-tion;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was nappropriate accounting in Air India n. 1992-93:

(c) if so the names of the concerned uditors; and

(d) whether Government propose any nquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) to (c) The Accounts of Air India for the period 1992-93 reflect the true and fair view of the state of Affairs of the company. The accounts have been examined by two firms of chartered accountants namely M/s. S. B. Billimoria and Co. and M/s. N. M. Ranji and Co. as examiners. The Principal Director of Commercial Audit and ex-offlice member, Audit Board II, Bombay has certified the Accounts.

(d) No, Sir.

Profite by Air India

7712. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India declared profits of nearly 333 crores in) 1992-93;

(b) whether these pofirts reflected the real situation;

(c) whether it is a fact that Air India has shown losses of 180 crores recently; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Audit of Air India accounts

7713. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Board of Air India recently at a meeting demanded a thorough audit of the accounts of Air Inda for the period 1991-92 and 1992-93;